

## Membership

Annual dues for the Arizona / New Mexico Chapter are \$15 for a professional and \$5 for a student.

There are 3 easy ways to become a member:

1. Download a membership form from our website, <http://arizona-newmexico.fisheries.org/membership/>
2. Become a member or renew your membership of the Parent Society and check the box for AZ/NM membership, <http://www.fisheries.org/afs>
3. Register for the JAM and pay for your chapter society membership at the same time!

## Newsletter

Our newsletter includes project updates and highlights, continuing education, the President's Message, meeting information and a calendar. Check out our newsletter by selecting the Newsletter tab on our website OR subscribe to the newsletter on our website homepage.

## Contact us!

Still have questions or want to be more involved?

Send us an email at:  
[aznmafs@gmail.com](mailto:aznmafs@gmail.com)

## Who We Are

### About Us

The Arizona / New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is a professional organization devoted to advancing sound science, promoting professional development, and disseminating science-based fisheries information for protection, conservation, and sustainability of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems, particularly in Arizona and New Mexico.



### Resources

- AZ/NM AFS Chapter website:  
<http://arizona-newmexico.fisheries.org/>
- "American Fisheries Society Arizona/New Mexico Chapter" Facebook group page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ArizonaNewMexicoChapterAFS/>
- Western Division AFS website:  
<http://wdaafs.org/>
- AFS Parent Society website:  
<http://fisheries.org/>



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*...facilitating communication and  
cooperation among regional  
fisheries biologists since 1967*

## The American Fisheries Society (AFS)

The American Fisheries Society (AFS), founded in 1870, is the oldest and largest professional society for fisheries scientists in the world. AFS promotes professional development, disseminates science-based fisheries information for the global protection, conservation and sustainability of fisheries resources and aquatic ecosystems while advancing sound science. AFS functions include:

### Publications

AFS publishes Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Journal of Aquatic Animal Health, North American Journal of Aquaculture, Marine and Coastal Fisheries, the monthly magazine Fisheries, and over 175 books including the latest aspects of research, management, policy and techniques. All publications are available online.



### Hold Scientific Meetings

AFS organizes a major annual meeting, several specialized symposia, four division and 48 chapter meetings throughout North America. The annual meeting is usually held in late summer (August/September).

### Develop Policy Statements

AFS occasionally takes positions on major fisheries-related issues and participates in formation of public policy through environmental and policy statements, resolutions, and legislative testimony.

### Promote Education

The Society encourages comprehensive fisheries and aquatic science education through the Professional Certification Program and promoting student involvement.

The Professional Certification Program evaluates the education and professional experience of fisheries workers where they are awarded certificates on a two-tiered system. AFS has about 60 university-based student subunits, three of which are within Arizona and New Mexico including **Arizona State University, New Mexico State University and University of Arizona**. Check out the Student tab on our website to contact your local Student Subunit president and get involved!



Chapter member Bill Stewart mentoring a student

## Arizona / New Mexico Chapter

The Arizona/New Mexico (AZNM) Chapter of AFS founded in 1967, currently serves over 100 members from state and federal agencies, tribes, universities, consulting firms, and the public. The AZNM Chapter one of ten chapters within the Western Division of AFS. The objectives of AZNM is to encourage exchange of regional fisheries and other technical information among Chapter and Society members.

Chapter activities include yearly meetings (JAM), continuing education workshops, and committees.



Officer Retreat

## Joint Annual Meeting (JAM)

Each year in early spring (late January-February) the AZ/NM AFS Chapter, AZ Chapter of the Wildlife Society and NM Chapter of the Wildlife Society holds a Joint Annual Meeting (JAM). This is usually a two or three day meeting with workshops and business meetings held on Thursday and concurrent symposia talks Friday and Saturday. The JAM is hosted each year by one of the three different chapters and usually alternates between states. Students and professionals of all levels are encouraged to submit their abstracts for a poster or oral presentation. Look for the first call for abstracts in November.

## Committees

Committees offer a great avenue for member participation. The Continuing Education Committee provides training that will improve and expand knowledge and skills of Chapter biologists. The Environmental Review Committee develops position statements, advisories, and resolutions representing the Chapter's opinions, recommendations, and advice regarding environmental issues of concern to the Chapter. The Student Affairs Committee promotes Chapter goals and objectives by working with university through sub-units. The Nominations/Awards Committee solicits recommendations of candidates/nominees for Chapter Officers and Chapter Awards such as Professional of the Year, Conservationist of the Year, Fish Head of the Year and Best Student Paper. The Mile McInnis Memorial Student Award Committee selects two deserving students for this scholarship.



